GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:111
ANSWERED ON:20.08.2007
EXPENDITURE ON IMPORTED WHEAT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the price at which wheat is being imported in the country and the additional expenditure likely to be incurred thereon after the imports;

(b) the price at which the said wheat is proposed to be distributed in the country;

(c) whether the said price is lower than the price prevailing currently in the market;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons for import of the said wheat?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 111 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 20.08.2007 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): The CF (FO) cost of imported wheat for the 5.11 lakh tons contracted in 2007-08 is US$ 325.59 per metric ton. Further, the cost of port clearance is about Rs.450 per metric ton and the cost of movement from port to the FCI godowns depends on the distance to FCI godowns.

(b): The imported wheat is released to the State Governments against allotments under Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and other Welfare Schemes at Central Issue Prices which are as follows:-

(Rate: Rs./Quintal)	
Name of the schemes	
Above Poverty Line (APL)	610
Below Poverty Line (BPL)	415
Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY)	200
Welfare Schemes: Mid Day Meal, National Food for Work Programme, Nutrition Programme, Welfare Institutions & Hostels etc., Annapurna, Nutritional Programme for Adolescent Girls.	415

(c)&(d): Imported wheat is distributed at Central Issue Prices. The prevailing wholesale prices of wheat as on 01.08.2007 are in the region of Rs.1025/quintal (Delhi), Rs.1300/quintal (Mumbai) and Rs.1450/quintal (Chennai).

(e): Import of wheat is required to take care of the requirements of the Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS), welfare schemes, emergency relief measures and to ensure food security .